

No. 6931 號壹十八九六第 日五十月三年辰庚緒光 HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD, 1880. 五拜禮 號十二月四年 港香 PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

INTIMATIONS.

CRICKET GROUND.
UNPRECEDENTED ATTRACTION.
SECOND APPEARANCE.
THIS EVENING, April 3rd. 1880, and every
Evening will further notice.
PROFESSOR HENRICK
AND
MADAME STELLA.
From St. James Hall and Crystal Palace
London, in their
TEMPLE OF MAGIC,
Performing for each Evening one of the most
wonderful and Elegant Entertainment of the
present age.
The Incomprehensible and Unfathomable
ARABIAN BOX MYSTERY.
Also the
ENCHANTED LAMP FLOATING IN
THE AIR.
With Magnificent Lamp Light Effects.
ADMISSION—
Reserved Chairs, First Class ... \$2.00

Third Class —————
Doors open at 8.30, commencing precisely
Nine.
Res reserved seats at the Pavilion daily
10 A.M. till 5 P.M.
Seating Accommodation for 1,000 Persons.
Also in view nightly at the Pavilion.
F A T I M A
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The Boldness Lady, pronounced by the T
seats who have witnessed the same to be
SENSATION OF 1880.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1880.
THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
will perform
The Original Comedy in Three Acts, by M.
Tom Paterson and Charlotte W. Duncon
entitled
"NEW MEN AND OLD ACRES,

TUESDAY EVENING
 (by Tickets only): \$2. Tickets may be obtained and places secured at M. LAM, Chawforn & Co.'s and after that time, the 2nd April, 1880.
 Doors open at 8.30 P.M. Performance commence at 9 P.M. punctually.
 Hongkong, 30th April, 1880.

THE Steamship
 "NINGPO."
 Captain L. Cassel will be despatched for the PORT TO DAY, the 2nd inst. at 10 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to STEAMSEN & HONGKONG, 22nd April, 1880.

THE Steamship
 "SUNBEAM"
 will be despatched to above TO MORR 24th inst. at 4 P.M.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Agents,
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1886.
 THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY
 FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL
 The Company's Steamship
 "AJAX"
 Captain A. Kidd, will be despatched on or
 about the 25th inst.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
 Hongkong, 23rd April, 1886.
 THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY
 FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.
 Taking Cargo and Passengers on through
 for CANTON, SWATOW and HANGKOW, AND
 AND PORTS on the YANGTZE.
 THE COMPANY'S Steamship
 "PATROCCLUS,"
 Captain M. R. White, will be despatched
 about the 30th inst.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
 Hongkong, 23rd April, 1886.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL
THE Company's Steamship—
"STENTOR."
Captain J. Kirkpatrick, will be dispatched
the 4th proximo.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
J. H. BURTON & CO., 21 SWIRE, AGENTS,
(Hongkong, 23rd April, 1886.)

NEDEELANDSCH-INDISCHE STEAM-
MAATSCHAPPIJ
STRAAT VOOR MANILA, MACAS-
SOURABATA, SAMARANG, AN-
BATAVIA
THE Company's Steamship
"GROEF VAN DYLANDT"
Captain E. C. Wessels, will be dispatched
the above Ports, via Macao, on or about
10th proximo.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JAIRDAIN, MATTHEWSON &
CO., 101, NASSAU STREET,
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1886.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS **HONGKONG CLUB** will take place at the **House on WEDNESDAY**, the 5th **Inst**, at **4.30 P.M.**, for the purpose of considering the **Report of the Annual General Meeting** passed at the Annual General Meeting held yesterday.

By Order, **EDWARD BEAULIEU**, Secy.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1880.

WANTED A **FOREMAN** CAPABLE OF **GRAVING** DOCK, ONE **SERVED** IN THAT capacity, previously preferred, **WILL BE** **REWARD**ED, on **PROOF** of **STOKELEY** **DALRYMPLE**.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1880.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

IN LIQUIDATION.

A TWENTY RETURN OF CAPITAL AS CIRCULATED, the rate of TWENTY TWO SHARES AND FIVE CANDAREES (THAT IS) PER SHARE, will be made to (Shareholders) **STOKELEY** **DALRYMPLE**.

WARRANTS will then be delivered Underwritten to SHAREHOLDERS, or their Representatives, on presentation of CERTIFICATES for endorsement.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 8th April inclusive.

By Order, **RUSSELL & CO.**
Liquidators

Shanghai, 1st April, 1880.

NOW ON SALE.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, &c.
For 1880.
(With which is incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY.")

This work, the ONLY one of the kind in China or Japan, is now in the EIGHTH YEAR of its existence, and is NOW READY FOR SALE. It has been compiled from the MOST AUTHENTIC SOURCES, and no pains have been spared to render it THOROUGHLY RELIABLE, both as a Directory and as a Work of Reference on Commercial Matters.

Various additions have been made, tending to render the work still more valuable for reference. The descriptions of each Port have been carefully revised, and the trade statistics brought down to the latest dates obtainable.

The work is embellished with the following Plans and Maps:—Chrono-lithograph Plans of VICTORIA, HONGKONG, of CANTON, the FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS at SHANGHAI; a Chrono-lithograph Plate of the CODE of SIGNALS in use at VICTORIA, PEKING, and MAPS of the COAST of CHINA and HONGKONG.

It contains a DESCRIPTION of each DIRECTORATE for HONGKONG, MACAO, PEKING, HOKKAI, WAMPONG, CANTON, SWATOW, AMOI, TAIKOW, TAIWAN, TAMSUI, KEELUNG, FOOCHOW, WENHO, NINGPO, SHANGHAI, CHINKIANG, KIEKIANG, WU, HANKOW, IOCHANG, CHONGTAK, TIENTSIN, NEW CHONG, PEKING, NAGASAKI, KOREA (HIGO), OSAKA, YOKOHAMA, NIDRATA, HAKODATE, MANILA, LORON, CEBU, SAMPANG, CAMBODIA, HADPHONG, HANOI, BANGKOK, and SINGAPORE, as well as condensed accounts of China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Ports of Annam.

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NOTICE.

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And
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED.
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NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON AND CO.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY. (18)

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, APRIL 23RD, 1880.

The report of the Postmaster-General for the year 1879 contains less matter calling for comment than usual. It is, like all Mr. Lister's reports, a record of postal progress. Since that gentleman assumed control of the Department there have been continual changes, all of them tending in the same direction, the reduction of rates and the increase of postal facilities to the public. When Mr. Lister succeeded Mr. Mitchell at the Post Office the postage for letters to the United Kingdom was 24 cents *ad South*, and 30 cents *ad Brindisi*, while for papers it was 4 cents and 6 cents respectively. Now a uniform tariff to almost every part of the world except the Australasian colonies has been secured, the postage being one-third of that above mentioned. Of course these advantages have been mainly secured by Hongkong entering the Postal Union, but the colony at the same time owes very much to Mr. Lister, who has laboured indefatigably to promote the convenience of the public, and by his thoughtful care has secured to us numerous facilities that we otherwise should not enjoy. Moreover, this has been done in the midst of unusually hard work entailed upon the Department by the numerous changes that have taken place, and the uneven distribution of the labour. The latter fact is forcibly set forth in paragraph 2 of the report. Since however, the pressure upon the Post Office, the public have been most promptly and efficiently served, and it speaks highly for the Department that during the year only one mail bag was delayed in transmission. Accidents will happen in the best regulated offices, and it is most creditable to the Hongkong Post Office that notwithstanding several mails frequently come in together with a simultaneous despatch of other north a solitary case of the kind is recorded for 1879.

Among the postal improvements gained during the year was a reduction of international postage, the establishment of a uniform tariff, the reduction of the registration fee—which is now certainly quite low enough—and the establishment of a

money order system, with most of the Australasian Colonies, which will prove a most undoubted benefit to the Chinese who have emigrated thither, and to those residents who have business connections with or friends in Australia. The withdrawal of the British Post Office from Japan is noted by the Postmaster-General with satisfaction, and he bears pleasing testimony to the efficient working of the Japanese Postal Department. Mr. Lister is at one with the community in deploring the want of uniformity in the hours of departure of the English and French mails, and the inconvenience time fixed for the former. The Colony has heretofore been fortunate in avoiding Sunday work for the mails, but by the present arrangement this will be inevitable during all the hot months of summer. Hongkong has to suffer for the convenience of Bombay. The decrease in revenue from the Postal Department we have alluded to on a previous occasion. This was foreseen when the Colony entered the International Postal Union, and no one, looking at the advantages obtained thereby, will regret that the Post Office has ceased to be a source of revenue. The financial position of the Department, however, as Mr. Lister observes, may be regarded as satisfactory, the revenue showing an increase on that of the preceding year. No doubt the receipts of the present year will show a further increase upon those of 1879, for the reduction of the postal rates cannot fail to lead to a considerable increase in the correspondence passing through the Post Office.

The Portuguese gunboat *Tylo*, Lieutenant-Commander Guimaraes, leaves here to-day for Shanghai.

The Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Petrol* leaves for Hongkong to-day.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Pelle* visits our port to-day.

We hear that a fire bell is to be placed at the Clock Tower. This is very desirable, and it is to be hoped that it will give little trouble as the bell now at the Central Station.

The Japanese Company which was mentioned some time ago as to be formed has now been started, and thirty of the vehicles were taken to the Registrar-General's office to be licensed yesterday.

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THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S

The following annual report from the Postmaster-General, published for general information, is published in the *Chronicle*.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 18th April 1880.

Sir, I have the honour to report on the British Postal Service in Hongkong, China, and Japan during the year 1879.

It has been a very busy and successful year in this Department, which, from sickness and other causes, has also been somewhat short-handed. The pressure experienced, however, has been met by the most judicious and efficient measures.

Through the year the French and English mails arrived within a day or two of each other. The French mail would come in first, then, perhaps, with a few minutes' delay, the English mail, it would be necessary to despatch the mail for Europe. Hardly was that done the day would announce the English mail. A day is collected, only one day is lost, and the mail is despatched for Europe.

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
M. steamer *Pel-ao*, with the next
mail, left Saigon at noon on the 22nd,
to be expected here on the 25th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
No direct steamers, with the next Indian
Calcutta on the morning of the 21st
and may be expected here on the 6th or

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 To-morrow—To-day, the 23rd instant, at
 9.30 A.M.—
 Saigon—For Ningspo, to-day, the 23rd
 instant, at 9.30 A.M.—
 Saigon, Amoy, and Foochow—Per-
 ang, to-day, the 23rd inst., at 11.30 A.M.—
 Saigon—For Zamorra, to-day, the 23rd
 instant, at 3 P.M.—
 Saigon, Paochoi, and Haiphong—Per-
 ang, to-day, the 23rd instant, at 5 P.M.—
 Saigon and Kobe—For Saibum, to-
 morrow, the 24th inst., at 3.30 P.M.—
 Saigon—For Duls, on Monday, the
 25th inst., at 5 P.M.—
 Saigon—For Decine, on Tuesday, the
 26th inst., at 5 P.M.—
 Saigon—For Kocoe, on Wednesday, the
 27th inst., at 5 P.M.—
 Saigon, Yokohama, and Kobe—For Nagaya, Mon-
 day, the 30th instant, at 5 P.M.—

Accordingly the Governor is pleased to
 order Section XII. of the Post Office
 No. 1876, that the Late Fe charged on
 for postage post office to Nagaya, to Saigon,
 to America, the Australian Colonies,
 to Ceylon, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of 18
 Cents.

NOTES BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
 The French Contract Packet "OXUS"
 despatched on SATURDAY, the 24th
 inst., with Mail to and through the United
 Kingdom, to India, to Hongkong, to Saigon,
 to the Philippines, to Batavia, Boraoh, Ceylon,

Colonial Colonies, Pondichery, Madras, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

AS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
British Contractor Packet "KASHGAR,"
despatched on SATURDAY, the
10th, with Mails to and through the
Kingdom and Europe, *via* Brindisi;
to its Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Cey-
lon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
-This Packet carries no mails for the
Colonies.

FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT

MAILS.
GNOR MAIL—DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.
 Money Order Office closes. Post Office
 except the night box, which is always
 out of office hours.
DAY OF DEPARTURE.
 Post Office opens.
 Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of
 nited matter and patterns ceases.
 Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
 Mr. Letters may be posted with Late Fee
 cents until
 Mr., when the Post Office closes entirely.
 Mr. Late Letters may be posted on board
 packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents until

of departure.
ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.
 Money Order Office closes.
 Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of
 unlettered matter and patterns ceases.
 Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
 Late Letters may be posted with Late
 Fee of 10 cents until
 11 a. m., when the Post Office closes entirely.
 After 11 a. m., Late Letters may be posted on board
 of ship, with Late Fee of 10 cents until
 day of departure.

LETTERS TO AND FROM SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'
LETTERS.

Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers,* Army Schoolmasters (superintending or First Class) or School-teachers may send half-ounce letters to the Kingdom via Brindisi or via Marseilles at a rate of four cents (twopence) each, which prepaid either in Imperial or in Hong-kong.

The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned named above.

All such letters prepaid at the former rate, (one penny) will be forwarded to or from the United Kingdom by private steamer

by the mail packets.
Private steamers leave Hongkong for
about every ten days, and are from six
to eight weeks on the voyage.
The letters must not exceed half an ounce.
Goldsmiths' Jewellery, &c., can be sent,
with the ends open.
If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and
regiment must be stated in full on the letter,
and of which must be signed by the Com-
manding Officer, with name of regiment, ship,
&c., full.
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Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges regard to books or papers, nor can these be with Imperial Stems.

not Warrant Officers, viz.—Assistant Engineer, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

correspondence for the West Indies (except belonging to the Postal Union, the Ba- and Hayti, for Monte Video; Paraguay, ruguay can no longer be sent via San

seo.

TEA MUSTERS.

ons who send Musters of Tea through
st in Tins are requested to have them
at or square instead of round, as it is im-
to pack round tins securely in the mail.
It is believed that the ten will travel
safely in flat tins, which are not so liable
and ones to be bulged in.
3 by 1 1/2 inches is suggested as a good
The tins should not have sharp corners.
Boxes of letters are received at the Post
not sealed, that is to say, the box is
d with sealing wax, but there is no im-

the delivery of boxholders is called to the
ty of carefully sealing such boxes with
recognizable seal, and of sending a chat-
receipt with them. The omission of
post presentation leaves no doubt as to who
the box owner reached the
office; the omission of the former, as to
or part of them might not have been al-
for the sake of the Postage Stamp.

**MINISTRY FOR THE LOSS OF A REGISTERED
LETTER.**

Post Office is not legally responsible for
the delivery of Registered Correspondence,
if the loss is due to the fault of the sender.
The Post Office is not responsible for the loss
through the Post, to the extent of \$10.
in such cases, provided—
That the sender duly observed all the con-
ditions of Registration required,
and that the letter was properly enclosed in a
suitably strong envelope.

That application was made to the Post-
General of Hongkong immediately the
loss was discovered, the envelope being shown
along with such application unless it also is
lost.

That the Postmaster-General is satisfied
that the loss occurred while the correspondence
was in the custody of the Post Office, and
that the loss was not caused by
the sender, or by the fault of the sender,
or by the fault of the sender, or by the fault
of any person not in the employ

the Hongkong Post Office. No compensation can be paid for mere use of the postage articles such as portraits, handkerchiefs, etc., which are not permanently bound books, &c., which are not of permanent value, or of great artistic destination, although in a broken or damaged condition.

For ordinary means of supplying small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Colonies of China, the Postmasters and Agents of the Hongkong Post Office are allowed (but not required) to sell as Hongkong Postage Stamps from the existing stock.

Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed 50 in value, must be perfectly clean, and must be in the original paper, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, and must be accompanied by a receipt from the Post Office. Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a receipt from the Post Office.

ers containing Stamps should be regis-
tered and the Stamps should be secured from
loss.

